



Intercessory Prayers that might be used at masses near the October 27, 2012 Anniversary of the Spirit of Assisi:

- For those who direct nations and for the leaders of world religions, that the Spirit of Assisi might be a constant call to look for paths that

will unite the peoples of the earth, and that they work for dialogue and an end to all violence. Let us pray together.

- For those who have found in the Gospel of Jesus the path to generous self-giving for others, that all of their efforts strike a chord in others and that they might live in the freedom of the daughters and sons of God. Let us pray together.
- For all communities that suffer persecution due to ideology, religious intolerance or fanaticism, that they might find full peace and religious liberty. Let us pray together.
- For all those of the Franciscan family that, like Saint Francis, they may make the Gospel into a salvific event and know how to share with others the Good News of God the Father and of Jesus. Let us pray together.
- For all candidates and voters in the U.S. elections this November, that we show respect for others, even in the face of disagreement, mirroring the Spirit of Assisi's example of the joining together of various religious traditions in the pursuit of peace. Let us pray together.

**Intercessions for Morning and Evening Daily Prayer
(based on the Assisi Decalogue 24.01.2002)**

SUNDAY

Morning:

Violence and terrorism being incompatible expressions of the authentic spirit of religion;

- may we be committed to educating for justice and peace.

Evening:

To bring about a peaceful co-existence between peoples of different ethnic groups, cultures and religions;

- may we maintain a dialogue of mutual respect and esteem.

MONDAY

Morning:

Since a culture of dialogue is essential to authentic peace;

- may we work toward understanding and mutual trust in our 2012 elections.

Evening:

Refusing to consider our differences as insurmountable barriers;

- may we seek to encounter diversity as an opportunity for mutual understanding.

TUESDAY

Morning:

As people who believe that all human beings are made in the image and likeness of God;

- let us respect the right of everyone to live a decent life in accordance with their own cultural identity.

Evening:

In working together to overcome selfishness and arrogance, hatred and violence;

- may we work together for justice, in order to achieve a genuine and lasting peace.

WEDNESDAY

Morning:

As part of the Gospel preferential option for the poor and vulnerable;

- let us seek to speak out for those who have no voice, and work to change their situations.

Evening:

In the desire to offer men and women of our time, a genuine hope of justice and peace;

- let us refuse to justify violence and evil.

THURSDAY

Morning:

Trust in technological progress alone, can expose the world to a growing risk of destruction and death;

- let us commit ourselves to solidarity and understanding among peoples.

Evening:

To achieve a world of solidarity and peace built on justice;

- let us take every opportunity to encourage leaders in government, religion, and business to establish just policies.

FRIDAY

Morning:

The *Spirit of Assisi* calls every person to seek truth, justice, liberty, and love;

- may every human person enjoy their inalienable rights, and every nation, peace.

Evening:

With the desire for the common search for authentic peace in the hearts of the whole human family;

- let us continue to dialogue with those of different religious confessions.

SATURDAY

Morning:

Persuaded that hatred destroys, and love builds;

- let us choose love over hatred.

Evening:

Committed to faithful dialogue, forgiveness, and mutual harmony;

- let us en flesh the God of love and peace, in our world today.